

Effective September 1, 2017.

**DAMAGES IN CERTAIN CONTRACT CLAIMS AGAINST THE
STATE**

CHAPTER 840

H.B. No. 2121

AN ACT

relating to damages in certain contract claims against the state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2260.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), an award of damages under this chapter may include attorney's fees if:

(1) the claim is for breach of a written contract for:

(A) engineering, architectural, or construction services; or

(B) materials related to the services described by Paragraph (A); and

(2) the amount in controversy is less than \$250,000, excluding penalties, costs, expenses, prejudgment interest, and attorney's fees.

SECTION 2. Section 2260.003, Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an action filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An action filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the action immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 12, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 2017: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Approved June 15, 2017.

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**REGULATION OF MOTOR FUEL QUALITY AND MOTOR
FUEL METERING DEVICES; AUTHORIZING FEES**

CHAPTER 841

H.B. No. 2174

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of motor fuel quality and motor fuel metering devices; authorizing fees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 13.001(a), Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1-a) "Motor fuel metering device" means a commercial weighing or measuring device used for motor fuel sales with a maximum flow rate of 20 gallons per minute or less.